

PERMIT CHRONOLOGY
for

**American Stone
Aragonite Mine**
M/045/031
(August 31, 1995)

- March 26, 1979 Declaration of Exemption (DOE) for Aragonite #1-5; Utah Calcium Company, Inc. 989 Jewell Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104. DOE was assigned #DOE/045/010.
- November 21, 1988 Certified letter sent to M. J. Thomas, 989 Jewell Avenue requesting submittal of NOI. Informed Mr. Thomas that DOE's are not longer applicable. Sent SMO form. *Note* The copy of the letter in file has a statement penciled in that original was returned to DOGM.*
- April 12, 1989 Letter sent to Utah Calcium Company, 989 Jewell Avenue stating that DOE's are no longer exempt and a mining notice needed to be submitted if they were still operating. *Note* The copy of the letter in file has a statement penciled in that original was returned to DOGM.*
- December 21, 1990 Received copy of a letter from BLM to Rick White, 9969 Beck Drive, Santee, CA 92071. The letter stated that Mr. White had a phone conversation with Steve Brooks, Area Geologist, regarding reclamation of the Aragonite mill site and the public lands adjacent to the quarry. The current operator is in non-compliance for failure to file a notice. The non-compliance can be rescinded if Mr. White's organization assumes responsibility for reclamation, files an acceptable Notice or Plan of Operations, completes some of the cleanup measures, along with partial reclamation of the area.
- December 24, 1990 Received an Emergency Notice of Intent (NOI) to Reclaim Mining Operation Where Dangerous Conditions Exist. This notice was submitted by Richard W. White, 9969 Beck Drive, Santee, CA 92071. The designated operator is Lon Thomas aka Thomas American Stone.
- December 26, 1990 Received a copy of Notice - Plan of Operations submitted to the BLM, SL District from Richard W. White (claimant). Operator is R.W. White, filing for Lon Thomas, aka Thomas American Stone. Site plan for Emergency Reclamation was submitted with the Notice.
- January 2, 1991 Memo to file. Site inspection performed December 27, 1990, on the Aragonite Mine, Lon Thomas - Operator. Inspection was attended by Rick White and Annush Badii (property owners); Maria Soriano (BLM); Wayne Hedberg, Holland Shepherd & Tony Gallegos (DOGM).

The inspection was prompted by a NOI to reclaim mining operations submitted by the land owners due to inefficient and unsafe mining practices. The mine is

currently being operated by Lon Thomas on a lease-back option as part of the sales agreement. The lease-back option terminates when the land owners begin construction of a new mill. The mine site is on patented lands, while the mill site is located on BLM land.

Measurements taken from a map submitted by the operators indicates a disturbed area of @16 acres without including the mill site. DOGM to contact Tooele County, MSHA, State Health & other agencies to collect more information to substantiate immediate Division/Board action to prevent further mining activity.

- January 2, 1991 Speed message to Wayne Hedberg from Holland Shepherd. Holland contacted MSHA and spoke to Vern Gomez. DOGM needs to write letter to MSHA (Fred Hansen) explaining reason for information from MSHA. Mr. Hansen will then release information.
- January 3, 1991 Letter to Vern Gomez, MSHA requesting release of information on Utah Calcium Corp/Thomas American Stone, Aragonite Mine. It is DOGM's understanding that Mr. Thomas has been cited on several different occasions for safety violations; the most recent being an order to cease mining the southern most end of the main pit. It was obvious that the southern most end of the pit had been mined the morning of the December 27, 1990 inspection.
- January 9, 1991 Order to Show Cause issued to Utah Calcium Corp/aka Thomas American Stone, aka Lon Thomas. It was ordered that the above mentioned appear before the Board on January 24, 1991 to show cause why the operations should not immediately cease and disturbances reclaimed. The Order was signed by Board Chairman, Gregory Williams.
- January 10, 1991 Received a letter from Rick White stating that he would attend the January 24th Board Hearing. Also included was "Sale of Corporation, Its Assets and Assignment of Name" [Sales agreement between Thomas American Stone (seller) and Richard W. White (buyer)].
- January 10, 1991 Copy of letter to Lon Thomas from Rick White. Mr. White stated that he had numerous discussions with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Thomas is evading the issue of being permitted (that he is operating under the "grandfather clause". The letter also stated that Mr. Thomas was illegally operating under the high wall previously declared unsafe by MSHA. Also that Mr. Thomas had recently changed motor oil and dumped the oil onto the ground. Mr. White stated that Mr. Thomas was his tenant and occupying the property as a lessee only. Mr. White told Mr. Thomas that the law states the site had to be cleaned up.

January 11, 1991 Letter to Richard White informing him of the Notice of Board Order (copy attached). Letter thanked Mr. White for providing the sales agreement between him and Mr. Thomas. The information will be included as part of the background documentation to the Board members for their review and reference before the January 24th Board Hearing.

January 14, 1991 Request for Agency Action sent to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining from Richard W. White, Petitioner. The petition requests the Board find that Thomas American Stone has willfully evaded the Rules of the Mined Land Reclamation Act. The Board find that Thomas American Stone is responsible for reclamation of all lands negatively impacted by its operations. The Board issue an Order directing Thomas American Stone and its sub-contractors or agents to cease and desist all operations at the Aragonite mine and Thomas American Stone file a surety bond; require all waste, junk and contaminated soil be disposed of in legal manner; and order to remain in effect until all reclamation has been finished.

January 16, 1991 Memo to file regarding a meeting with Lon Thomas (operator) and Scott Isaacson (attorney for Thomas American Stone). The meeting was held January 16, 1991 to discuss the permitting and pending Board action concerning the unpermitted Aragonite mine and mill sites. Mr. Thomas indicated he was quite willing and ready to do what was necessary to come into compliance with State requirements, now that he was aware that he needed to permit the site. He indicated he would make an attempt to fulfill these obligations before January 24th, the Hearing date.

Mr. Thomas was told that he would be held responsible for any mining disturbance performed on the site as of December 1, 1988 (the effective date the DOE's were instructed to come into compliance with the amended statute and regulations). Mr. Thomas indicated his family purchased the property in 1976 and have been intermittently operating the mine and mill since that time. There is a dispute between Mr. Richard White and Mr. Thomas concerning ownership of the property. The site was purchased in the spring of 1988 by Mr. White from Mr. Thomas, which involved a lease back agreement to Mr. Thomas. Mr. White had operated the site from April 1988 to August 1988.

The two sites, mine and mill, are separated by 5 miles and considered as individual site. Mr. Thomas indicated that after eliminating the pre-law and DOE disturbances sites, he felt each site would be under 5 acres. A site inspection to discuss the areas not to be included would be necessary before this was established.

January 17, 1991 Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations was submitted by Thomas American Stone for the Aragonite Mine. The notice indicated 5 acres were disturbed.

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January 22, 1991 Letter to Gregory Williams, (Board Chairman) from Scott Isaacson, attorney representing Thomas American Stone, with attachments of correspondence, orders, etc, between Thomas American Stone and Richard White.

The letter was prompted by the actions of Richard White, who has been reporting various alleged violations by American Stone. American Stone has every intention of complying with all relevant rules and regulations. *The letter goes into lengthy background information regarding the Aragonite mine.* The letter stated that American Stone was not apprised of the change in the mining law, and they thought they were still under exemption prior to the change in the law and regulations in 1988 (because the letter stating the DOE's were no longer exempt was sent to a wrong address). The letter states that American Stone has agreed to be responsible for all reclamation of areas it has disturbed since December 1988.

Mr. Isaacson also requested that the Board not consider any of Mr. White's allegations regarding the site. To let the courts fight their battle, and not have the Board involved in stalling the lawsuit.

January 24, 1991 Copy of Notice of Noncompliance from the BLM to American Stone; due to failure to post a Notice of Plan of Operations.

January 24, 1991 Speed letter to file stating several photos and two letters addressed to M.J. Thomas, returned by Post Office, have been placed in Board file under Docket No. 90-051, Cause No. M/045/031. These were used as exhibits during the Hearing so had to be left in the Board file.

January 25, 1991 Memo to File. Board Hearing, Aragonite Mine and Mill was held January 24, 1991. The Board agreed to allow the operator to continue mining, providing the operator submit, within the next month, a temporary permit and surety. The permit & surety would cover the 3-4 month period during which time it is not possible to perform an accurate disturbance evaluation of the site because of winter snows and lack of vegetation. The Board stated the matter would be continued to the February 28, 1991 hearing date. At that time, if the operator has not shown a good faith effort (temporary permit and surety) the Division

will ask for a Cessation Order. An inspection date for the week of February 4-8 has been set to evaluate the site for temporary permitting.

- January 28, 1991 Letter to Richard White regarding Division response to Receipt of Request for Agency Action dated January 9, 1991. Mr. White was informed that his submission was incomplete. Mr. White was told what had to be corrected before the Division can determine the request complete and formal Division/Board action initiated.
- February 1, 1991 Copy of letter to Rick White from BLM stating that they had received his Plan of Operation for the Aragonite mill site. The application cannot be processed as Mr. White is not the claimant of record for the mill site. When the lawsuit between Mr. White and Mr. Thomas has been resolved, and Mr. White becomes the owner of record for the mill site, and clear indication that he is also the operator, processing of the plan can take place.
- February 6, 1991 Speed message to Richard White from Wayne Hedberg, for Holland Shepherd. *Enclosed are copies of the more recent correspondence exchanged between the Division and Thomas American Stone.*
- February 8, 1991 Copy of letter to Lon Thomas from the BLM. An inspection was made on the Aragonite operation on February 6, 1991. The letter stated that DOGM would be the lead agency for permitting the site. Also gave permission to burn pallets if a burn permit is acquired. Also a small trench may be used for temporary storage of solid waste generated by ongoing operations prior to hauling to an approved facility. Tires and other solid waste is to be taken to an approved landfill, such as the Tooele dump.
- February 8, 1991 Enlargement of an air photo received by DOGM from Steve Brooks, BLM. Millsite measurements.
- February 12, 1991 Speed message to file. Scott Isaacson phoned to say that Rick White had just filed chapter 11 in California on February 4, 1991.
- February 12, 1991 Fax received from Rick White. Mr. White indicated that he understands that Thomas American Stone has agreed to furnish a bond for reclamation work at the Aragonite. Mr. White added calculations at \$45,161 for 1 acres 8' high. He hopes the reclamation bond Mr. Thomas furnishes is adequate.
- February 12, 1991 Memo to file. Site Inspection of Aragonite Mine and Mill performed February 6, 1991 as a follow-up to the Board's decision to obtain interim permit and surety. *The mill site was determined to encompass 14 acres of disturbance.* Mr. Thomas indicated he would attempt to reduce the acreage to 5 acres. *The*

mine site was estimated at 8.4 acres. Mr. Thomas indicated he would like to reduce the site to 5 acres or below. These estimates are preliminary. A more comprehensive site inspection would have to be made in the spring before the permit is made permanent. Mr. White was informed that it would take 2-3 growing seasons to be released from the responsibility.

- February 13, 1991 Cost estimate to remove garbage from Aragonite site, submitted by Dymock Construction, Corp. sent to DOGM at Rick White's request. The cost was estimated at \$72,324.00 (could be 20% lower or higher, depending on what is underground).
- February 19, 1991 Memo to File. Site Inspection made February 13, 1995. Lowell Braxton and Tom Mitchell accompanied the inspection and wanted a first-hand observation pursuant to the pending Board Action associated with the site.
- February 19, 1991 Memo to File. Meeting on February 14, 1991 regarding the Aragonite Interim Surety. Due to the inspection it was determined 22.4 acres of disturbance at the mill and mine site. Total surety is \$67,200. Mr. Thomas was informed of the figure and asked to have surety ready by the February 28, 1991 Board Hearing date. Mr. Thomas was concerned about acquiring that amount of money and also concerned if the money would be lost if Mr. Rick White won the pending ownership lawsuit. Discussions were made of reducing the acreage to under 5 acres at the sites (but again, it would take 3 years to accomplish).
- February 19, 1991 Certified letter to Lon Thomas regarding posting of an interim/temporary surety of \$67,200 based on 22.4 acres of disturbance (14 acres at the mill site and 8.4 acres at the mine). Mr. Thomas was advised that the posting of the two Small Mining Notices of Intent would not be acceptable because the acreage at both sites is over 5 acres. The Division also asked Mr. Thomas to remedy some of the more critical safety concerns, such as the safety hazards associated with the county road which bisects the site, the pit highwalls, shaft and sink holes. At a minimum it was asked that these hazards be posted at the site.
- February 19, 1991 Request for Agency Action submitted by Rick White.
- February 27, 1991 Fax letter received from Scott Isaacson, regarding permitting and surety for the Aragonite Mill and Mine. Mr. Thomas cannot post such a large amount of surety. Mr. Thomas proposes: he will mine only within a 5 acre parcel at the mine and mill. The area outside the 5 acre parcel will be clearly delineated and marked. (American Stone has only been mining within the five acres already, the other disturbance has been done by previous owners). American Stone will immediately commence to reclaim all disturbed areas outside the five acres at

the mine and mill. American Stone will post a cash bond in the amount of \$5,000 as a good faith surety. This is a great deal less than the requested \$67,200, but American Stone simply does not have any where near the resources to post the larger surety. This is a significant commitment and sacrifice.

March 7, 1991 Letter to Scott Isaacson. Pursuant to the February 28, 1991 hearing, a meeting is scheduled Monday, March 11, 1991 at 3:00 to develop an agreement for the reclamation of the referenced properties with Committee representatives from the Board, Division and parties.

March 13, 1991 Letter from Scott Isaacson, setting forth in summary form the points of agreement reached at the March 11, 1991 meeting. Thomas American Stone will immediately cease all mining outside the five acre area at the mill and also at the mine and will begin reclamation on all land outside the five acre tracts. Signs will be posted , clean up of all garbage equipment or other waste, etc.

American Stone will post at the time of the March Board Hearing, a cash bond in the amount of \$6,000 to secure its reclamation work on the areas outside the two five acre tracts. American Stone also agrees to post an additional \$6,000, six months from the date of the approval of a formal agreement by the Board. This \$12,000 corresponds to a rate of \$1,000 per acre for 12 acres of disturbance outside the two five acre tracts. At such time as reclamation is completed, the bond will be released in proportion to the aery that has been reclaimed.

American Stone will prepare and submit for proper notice and review an agreement by April 1, 1991.

March 26, 1991 Fax to Scott Isaacson of DOGM's response to Draft Summary Agreement, Reclamation Plan and Surety for the Aragonite mill and mine sites.

March 26, 1991 Finalized letter to Scott Isaacson of DOGM's response to Draft Summary Agreement, Reclamation Plan and Surety for the Aragonite mill and mine sites. States that the Division would agree to reclaiming all but the five acres at the mill and the mine site. That all signs and safety devices be installed no later than April 15, 1991. Photo documentation that this has been done will be provided by April 20, 1991. A **complete** reclamation plan will be prepared by American Stone and submitted no later than June 30, 1991.

American Stone will appear at the March 28th Board meeting and post \$6,000 bond at that time. It will request a continuance until the April meeting to present a complete and formal agreement to the Board for approval. American

Stone will work with the Division to prepare and submit for proper notice and review such agreement by April 1, 1991.

The Division will postpone taking formal action on the two SMO applications received January 17, 1991 and the variance requests until the final details are worked out regarding the Permitting Agreement and the reclamation plans for the two sites.

April 22, 1991

ORDER to Show Cause sent to Thomas American Stone stipulating the items sent up in the Summary Agreement. The Order stipulated that reclamation be completed by October 31, 1991 of the areas outside the five acre tracts at the mine and mill.

A complete reclamation plan for the area outside the five acres be developed and submitted for review no later than May 10, 1991. All exposed garbage and trash will be removed from the site and properly disposed of at an approved landfill with 30 days of reclamation plan approval. Respondent will also dig up the waste buried in February 1991, and dispose of it in a fashion approved by the BLM and Division.

Respondent will install warning signs and other safety devices as the Division may direct including covers for exposed shafts, berms for highwalls and a cable or MSHA approved haul road berm along the county road next to the pit. All devices shall be installed no later than April 30, 1991

A complete reclamation plan will be submitted for review no later than June 30, 1991.

Respondent will post \$6,000 surety within 5 days from this order. Respondent must also post an additional \$6,000 surety six months from the date of approval of the reclamation plans for the mill and mine sites.

April 26, 1991

Certificate of Deposit prepared and sent to First Security Bank of Utah, Verl Tidwell for completion.

April 30, 1991

Letter to Verl Tidwell, First Security Bank of Utah. Three original Certificates of Deposit for Thomas American Stone sent to the bank. The bank to finalize the certificates, keep a copy for themselves, send one original to American Stone and return the third copy back to DOGM.

April 30, 1991

Letter to Lon Thomas, sending a partially completed Reclamation Contract for the Aragonite Mine and Mill. Mr. Thomas to complete the rest of the Reclamation Contract and return it to DOGM immediately. Mr. Tidwell of First Security is setting up the Certificate of Deposit, which will fulfill

American Stone's obligation for posting the initial \$6,000 surety. The remaining \$6,000 will have to be posted 6 months after approval of the mine site reclamation plans, which must be in this office no later than June 30, 1991, as directed by the Board.

- May 1, 1991 Telefax copy of the Certificate of Deposit sent to DOGM by Verl Tidwell, First Security Bank of Utah, with proper signatures.
- May 13, 1991 Reclamation Contract received from Thomas American Stone.
- May 28, 1991 Letter to Lon Thomas. Notification of Incomplete Reclamation Contract and Plan. Please complete the missing information and return by June 5, 1991. The Division has not received the **complete** millsite reclamation plan which was due May 10, 1991. This is a violation of the terms of the April 22, 1991 Board Order. To avoid further Board action or penalty, you are advised to ***immediately*** submit the complete reclamation plan for this area. Also we anticipate receipt of a complete reclamation plan for the Aragonite minesite no later than June 30, 1991.
- May 30, 1991 May 28, 1991 original letter to Lon Thomas returned to the Division by the operator.
- June 11, 1991 Letter from BLM to Lon Thomas, regarding a field inspection performed June 5, 1991 (copy attached). During the inspection Mr. Thomas told BLM staff that the reclamation plan had been submitted to the Division. It became apparent that the reclamation contract had been submitted but not the reclamation plan. Mr. Thomas to be held in non-compliance until the reclamation plan has been approved. Reclamation measures were identified during the inspection.
- June 28, 1991 1991 June Board, Aragonite Briefing. A briefing of each issue was prepared for the Board.
Millsite
1. Respondent to immediately cease all mining activities outside the five acre tract. ***It appears the operator has met this requirement.***

2. Respondent will immediately commence reclamation of all lands outside the five acre tract and submit a reclamation plan no later than May 10, 1991. ***The plan has not been submitted.***

3. Respondent will not bury any solid garbage or waste. All exposed garbage & trash will be removed and disposed of at an approved landfill within 30 days of reclamation plan approval. ***Operator has not complied fully with this Order.***

Some material has been removed to another location, but has not produced manifests. Other material has remained on site and has been buried (tires).

Minesite

4. Respondent immediately to cease mining operations outside the five acre tract. ***Inspection of May 15, 1991 indicated that the operator was disturbing new areas of the mine not discussed previously. The lack of an approved reclamation plan makes it difficult to accurately identify the five acre area.***

5. Respondent will install warning signs adjacent to the highwalls. Also install safety devices no later than April 30, 1991. Photo documentation will be provided by May 10, 1991. ***Some measures has been implemented. A few signs have been established and efforts have been made in regard to establishing barriers around perimeter of the most accessible exposed areas. None of the efforts have been coordinated with or approved by the Division.***

6. Respondent will begin reclamation on the area outside the five acre tract. Detailed plan will be developed and submitted to the Division no later than June 30, 1991. ***A reclamation plan for the mine site has not yet been submitted to the Division and it is not anticipated that the operator will meet the June 30, 1991 deadline.***

Surety for Mine and Milling Area Reclamation

7. Respondent will post \$6,000. ***Surety established May 1, 1991.***

8. If Respondent fails to comply. the Board may order the cessation of all mining activities at the Aragonite mine and mill site and may order immediate reclamation.

June 28, 1991 Reclamation plan submitted by Lon Thomas.

June 28, 1991 Speed Message. A meeting was held today discussing the deficiencies associated with the April 23rd Board Order.

Items for Discussion - DOGM office meeting, June 28, 1991. 1) need for an updated SMO NOI for the mill and mine sites. 2) a detailed reclamation plan provided for the mill and mine sites. 3) A field inspection to be coordinated with operator, BLM and DOGM. 4) Boundaries of both 5-acre disturbances must be clearly defined/marked on the ground. 5) Cleanup of the mill site area and removal of garbage to approved disposal areas. Manifests are still required documenting materials removed. 6) Description of the mine development occurring and planned for the mine site area.

July 1, 1991	Memo to File. June 27, 1991, the Division informed Mr. Thomas by telephone that because of his failure to meet the conditions of the April 23, 1991 Board Order, an Emergency Order was pending which would require cessation of his mining operations at the Aragonite mine and mill. A meeting was held on June 28, 1991 to discuss those issues.
July 2, 1991	Letter to Lon Thomas stating that the reclamation plans for the mine and mill sites had been received June 28, 1991. Because the plans had been submitted by June 30, 1991, there was no requirement to cease mining and milling. Field inspection to determine if maps were complete and accurate will be scheduled July 12, 1991.
May & June	Copies of checks American Stone made to Tooele County Landfill; also copies of Metro Steel Recyclers, Inc. receipts.
July 22, 1991	Memo to File. Field Inspection performed July 19, 1991 to evaluate the operators progress in regard to the April Board Order and to verify the maps and reclamation plans ground-truth submitted by the operator by the June 30, 1991 deadline as outlined in the July 2, 1991 letter from Diane Nielson.
August 12, 1991	Letter to Lon Thomas with copy of the reclamation plan submitted June 20, 1991. Changes have been highlighted and struck out. Please review changes for your concurrence. A meeting needs to be schedules to finalize the plans.
October 8, 1991	<p>Memo to File. Field Inspection of the Aragonite mine and later meeting with the operator. Most of the work described in the June Reclamation Plan has been complete. A few items remain. A meeting held on October 7, allowed operator until November 10, 1991 for completion of seeding at the mill. The Division to provide a seed mix. Mr. Thomas indicated he had run out of money to complete the task and asked for an extension to June 30, 1992. The Board would have to make that call.</p> <p>At the mine site, the Division gave operator until November 30, 1991 to complete the seeding. Mr. Thomas will address the December 5, 1991 Board meeting, to explain his predicament in completing the reclamation work at the millsite.</p>
October 15, 1991	Letter to Steve Brooks, BLM. Sent Aragonite Reclamation plans to the BLM and asked for their comments or any changes they may have.
October 22, 1991	Copy of letter from BLM to Lon Thomas. The BLM accepts the reclamation plan and the notice of noncompliance is rescinded as of October 17, 1991.

- November 21, 1991 Letter to Lon Thomas. A copy of the reclamation plan for the mill and mine as discussed in the October 7, 1991 meeting enclosed. If you are in agreement with the language, please sign and date the plan. Seed mix is also enclosed. The Board will be updated on December 5, 1991. At that time your request to reduce the bond to \$6,000 will be made. The Board may request another formal hearing where you will be asked to state your case. The BLM supports your request, so this will be an asset to you.
- December 9, 1991 Memo to File. Board briefing of the Aragonite Board Order. The Board agreed to extend to June 30, 1992, for the final reclamation of areas associated with the millsite, specifically the dump. Also, the Board indicated they would consider reducing the total bond amount to \$6,000 from \$12,000. The operator was asked to approach the Board again in January. The operator has 6 months from October 7, 1991 before another \$6,000 will be required. Prior to this date the Division should prepare a recommendation to the Board.
- January 10, 1992 Letter to Lon Thomas. The reclamation plan submitted June 28, 1991 will be accepted as complete as of October 7, 1991 and will stand as is. The Board Order requires another \$6,000 be posted after this approval date. April 15, 1992 will be the date for the additional surety. You plan to petition the Board to reverse the requirement to post the additional \$6,000. This will be scheduled into the February 26, 1992 Board Hearing agenda.
- January 13, 1992 Request for 1991 annual report.
- February 5, 1992 Received 1991 annual report.
- February 11, 1992 Memo to Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Thomas American Stone requested that the Board consider waiving the additional \$6,000 surety. The Division recommends that the additional \$6,000 surety be waived as most of the reclamation work was done in the summer and fall of 1991. The \$6,000 the Division holds, is sufficient to cover the remaining required reclamation.
- February 13, 1992 Letter to Lon Thomas. The Division will be approaching the Board on February 26, 1992 regarding recommending the surety be dropped to \$6,000.
- February 26, 1992 Memo to File. Board Hearing on Aragonite Surety. February 26, 1992, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining approved the reduction of the Aragonite mine and mill surety from \$12,000 to \$6,000. Lon Thomas of Thomas American Stone was in attendance at the hearing and requested the surety reduction.

March 27, 1992	Letter to Lon Thomas. The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining approved Thomas American Stone's request to reduce the Aragonite surety from \$12,000 to \$6,000. This approval was given at the February 26, 1992 Board Hearing.
January 4, 1993	Request for 1992 Annual Report.
February 9, 1993	Received Annual Report for 1992. Report states that 5 acres are disturbed.
December 13, 1993	Request for 1993 Annual Report.
February 3, 1994	Received Annual Report for 1993. Report states 5 acres remain disturbed.
July 1, 1994	Memo to File. Site inspection of the Aragonite Mill made June 28, 1994 to evaluate the current status of the site. The site showed signs of recent activity. Photos were taken of the site from various positions.
July 1, 1994	Memo to File. Site inspection of the Aragonite mine made June 28, 1994 to examine the current status of the mine site. Portions of the site showed no signs of activity, and other portions there was recent activity. Photos were also taken of this site.
December 15, 1994	Request for 1994 Annual Report.
February 1, 1995	Received Annual Report for 1994. Disturbed acreage is still at 5 acres.